

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 illustrates a method of manual assembly/disassembly of blade 14 from handle 12. To remove blade 14 from handle 12, fastening device 30 may be manually released from an engaged position. The handle pieces and blade are in an engaged position when they are secured in an operable fashion by the fastening device. In the embodiment shown, release of fastening device 30 may be achieved by turning knob 32 in a counter-clockwise direction, as indicated by arrow R. Rotation of knob 32 in the counter-clockwise direction enables knob 32 to disengage from retention post 58. Specifically, as shown in Fig. 5, rotation of knob 32 causes knob 32 to rise upwards on a threaded portion 66 of post 58. It should be noted ~~the~~ that while the direction indicated for rotation of knob 32 is in the counter-clockwise direction, it is possible that device 30 may alternatively be released from the engaged position by clockwise rotation of knob 32. Moreover, other mechanisms for releasing knob 32 may be used without departing from the scope of the invention.